

MARY J. SECOR.

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Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 4929.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4929) granting a pension to Mary J. Secor, having carefully considered the facts presented, respectfully report:

The records of the War Department show that Isaac Secor enlisted October 28, 1861, as a private in Company A, Twelfth Michigan Volunteer Infantry, and proof filed in the Pension Bureau shows him to have been killed at Jackson, Tenn., September 24, 1862, while in line of duty, in a railroad accident, the cars having run off the track and crushing him.

Soldier's father, Jonas Secor, was pensioned as the dependent father of soldier from April 30, 1884, the proof showing that soldier contributed to his father's support, while living, and that the father was totally disabled for manual labor since 1870. The proof also shows that soldier's father died December 26, 1887, and that soldier was born August 14, 1843, and his mother died October 15, 1843, while he was an infant.

The proof shows that the beneficiary, Mary J. Secor, was married to soldier's father April 12, 1845, when soldier was about 19 months old, and that she assisted in his care and education up to the time of his enlistment, and lived with soldier's father up to the time of his (father's) death, and bore him ten children, one of which only, a daughter, is still living with her. The proof shows that the only property possessed by the beneficiary is five acres of land, improved by a small, poor dwelling house and a few outbuildings, and that she has no income outside of her own labor; that she is now 69 years old and in feeble health, and consequently in a distressed condition.

From the facts presented, and the many precedents established in similar cases, the committee recommend the passage of the bill, with an amendment striking out in line 6 the words "of Lagrange, Cass County, Michigan."